



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 25-26 as follows:

The axle system 22 generally comprises a pair of wheels 26 that are pivotally mounted to a pair of spaced short ~~axles~~ shafts 28, which are secured to and carried by a pair of rearwardly extending support arms 30.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 6-9 as follows:

The spacing of the short ~~axles~~ shafts 28 and the configuration and location of the cross support member 32 relative to support arms 30 allows the axle system 22 to be mounted and operated proximate to the hopper of truck 10.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 11-13 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 3, the pair of wheels 26 each include a standard steering pivot mount 29 (only one is shown) that connects wheels 26 to the end of the short ~~axles~~ shafts 28 allowing wheels 26 to pivot when the truck 10 turns.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 20-24 as follows:

Each of the short ~~axles~~ shafts 28 are also connected to one of the support arms 30, such as by welding. The support arms 30 extend transversely from the short ~~axles~~ shafts 28 in a forward direction relative to the truck 10. Each of the support arms 30 has a pair of mounting flanges 38 at the end opposite the connection to the short ~~axles~~ shafts 28.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 6-9 as follows:

As further shown in FIG. 3A, hopper 14 typically is located relatively close to the ground at the rear of the truck 10. By locating the cross member 32 forward of the hopper 14 and utilizing the pair of spaced short ~~axles~~ shafts 28, the axle system 22 is able to be stored in a raised position proximate the hopper 14.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 17-19 as follows:

At the opposite end of the support arms 30, the ~~axles~~ shafts 28 are secured to the support arms 30. The length of the ~~axles~~ shafts 28 is selected to ensure that the wheels 26 of the axle system 22 generally align with the wheels of the truck 10.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 4 and 5 as follows:

A combination dampener/centering spring 60 is connected between the ~~axles~~ shafts 28 and the tie rod 40.